

October 6, 1992

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Subject: Arkwood, Inc. Superfund Site - Omaha, Arkansas
Monthly Progress Report No. 7 - September 1992

Dear Ms. Mescher:

The following progress report is being provided by ERM-Southwest, Inc., for submission by McKesson Service Merchandising Co. ("MMI"), formerly Mass Merchandisers, Inc., in accordance with Section IX.B.1 of the proposed Consent Decree. This report is to be submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and to the Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology ("State").



Actions taken towards achieving compliance with the proposed Consent Decree:

1. General description of Work (as defined in the corrected Consent Decree, entered September 23, 1992) activities commenced or completed during the reporting period:
 - a. September 3: A conference call was held between EPA, McKesson and ERM-Southwest to discuss responses to EPA's final comments on the Remedial Design (RD) Work Plan.
 - b. September 10: Copies of the final revision to the RD Work Plan were distributed to EPA and the State.
 - c. September 25: Received EPA approval of RD Work Plan.
 - d. September 25: ERM-Southwest mobilized to the Arkwood site for the Predesign Studies phase of the RD Work Plan. Activities include collection of samples to be analyzed for use in the further delineation of affected areas, evaluation of the field test kits and in the correlation of PCP/c-PNAs/dioxin ratios.
 - e. September 29: A project kickoff meeting was held on the site and was attended by EPA, the State, McKesson, Roy F. Weston and ERM-Southwest.
 - f. Design of the pilot sieve and wash system continued during this reporting period.

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- g. Development of the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) began during this reporting period.

2. Data received during the reporting period:

No data was received during this reporting period.

3. Work activities projected to be commenced or completed during the next three reporting periods:

a. October 1992

- 1) Predesign sampling activities at the site are scheduled to continue until approximately October 12, 1992. At that time, activity at the site will cease until the sieve and wash pilot studies begin.
- 2) Analytical results of the predesign sampling activities will be received during October. After they are received, the evaluation of field test kits will be scheduled for completion in Houston.
- 3) Correlation of PCP/c-PNAs/dioxin ratios are scheduled to be completed after results of the predesign sampling activities are known.

b. November 1992

- 1) The sieve and wash pilot system is scheduled to be mobilized to the site and the pilot studies are tentatively scheduled for the week of November 9.
- 2) Samples will be taken during the sieve and wash pilot for the incineration characterization study.
- 2) Work will continue on development of the PER.

c. December 1992

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4. Problems encountered or anticipated in commencing or completing the Work activities:

No problems have been encountered or are anticipated at this time.

Sincerely,

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